



detective means for detecting the state of  
communication with said transmission destination, and  
said control means stores said pickup image once  
into said store means on the basis of the detected  
5 result in said detective means.

5. The communication device as set forth in Claim  
4, wherein in case of being incommunicable based on the  
detected result in said detective means, said pickup  
10 images are stored once into said store means and the  
pickup images stored in said store means are  
transmitted by said communicative means in case of  
becoming communicable.

15 6. The communication device as set forth in Claim  
4, wherein said control means makes a control so as to  
perform an operation of said detective means and said  
operation based on the detected result in said  
detective means in parallel with the ordinary  
20 operation.

7. An image pickup device having a communicative  
function to transmit pickup images obtained by picking  
up images of a subject, comprising:

25 manipulative means for instructing a predetermined  
operation; and

control means for starting said image pickup

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5           8. The image pickup device as set forth in Claim  
7, wherein said communicative function makes a radio  
transmission.

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20           said communicative means includes detective means  
for detecting the state of communication with said  
transmission destination and said control means stores  
said pickup image once into said store means on the  
basis of the detected result in said detective means.

11. The image pickup device as set forth in Claim 10, where in case of being incommunicable based on the

detected result in said detective means, said pickup  
images are stored once into said store means and the  
pickup images stored in said store means are  
transmitted by said communicative means in case of  
5 becoming communicable.

12 . The image pickup device as set forth in  
Claim 10, wherein said control means makes a control so  
as to perform an operation of said detective means and  
10 said operation based on the detected result in said  
detective means in parallel with the ordinary  
operation.

13. A storage medium in which a processing step  
15 for transmitting pickup images obtained by  
photographing a subject to a specified transmission  
destination is stored so as to be readable by a  
computer, wherein said processing step includes a step  
of starting an image pickup operation of said subject  
20 and a communicating operation with said transmission  
destination on the basis of instructions of a  
predetermined operation given from a user to transmit  
the pickup images obtained by the image pickup  
operation to said transmission destination.

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14. The storage medium as set forth in Claim 13,  
wherein said processing step further includes a step of

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making a radio transmission with said transmission destination.

15. The storage medium as set forth in Claim 13,  
5 wherein said processing step further includes a step of making a break of communication with a communication destination after the lapse of a given time from the time when the transmission of said pickup image is completed.

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16. The storage medium as set forth in Claim 13, wherein said processing step further includes:

a detective step of detecting the state of communication with said transmission destination; and  
15 a store step of storing said pickup images once into a memory on the basis of the detected result in said detective step.

17. The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16,  
20 wherein said processing step further includes:

a step of storing said pickup images once into said memory if said communication state is unsuitable for the transmission of said pickup images; and  
a step of transmitting the pickup images stored in  
25 said memory to said transmission destination when said communication state is restored to a state suitable for the transmission of said pickup images.

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18. The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16,  
wherein said processing step further includes a step of  
executing said detective step and said store step in  
parallel with a processing step for the ordinary time  
5 processing.

19. A communication method for communicating the  
photographic images of an image pickup device for  
picking up images of a subject to a transmission  
10 destination, comprising:

an intake step for taking in photographed images;  
communicative step for transmitting the pickup  
images taken in by said intake step to a transmission  
destination in communication therewith; and

15 a control step for starting the operation of said  
communicative step in response to the image pickup  
operation of said image pickup device.

20. The communication method as set forth in  
20 Claim 19, wherein said communicative step makes a radio  
transmission.

21. The communication method as set forth in  
Claim 19, wherein said control step controls said  
25 communicative step so as to make a break of  
communication with a communication destination after  
the lapse of a given time from the time when the

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22. The communication method as set forth in Claim 19, further comprising store step for storing the pickup image obtained from said image pickup step, wherein

23. The communication device as set forth in  
Claim 22,  
15 wherein in case of being incommunicable based on  
the detected result in said detective step, said pickup  
images are stored once into said store step and the  
pickup images stored in said store step are transmitted  
by said communicative step in case of becoming  
20 communicable.

24. The communication device as set forth in Claim 22, wherein said control step makes a control so as to perform an operation of said detective step and said operation based on the detected result in said  
25 detective step in parallel with the ordinary operation.